

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of Meeting – 26th October 2010- Townhouse

Present

NF Neil Fraser FF Fiona Fraser CG Carl Gerrard ML Markus Linkleman
RK Rhada Kessar

Apolgies

DW Derek Williams DL Dave Lindsey GV Gerard Vlaar

1 Minutes and Matters Arising

CWSS – CG, DW, RK and KS have met with Grahame McKenzie and gone through the original list – GM has promised to revert by the end of October.

We are also looking for areas where lines etc are missing email RD and KS at
missinglines@aberdeencycleforum.org.uk

Post Meeting Note (1) – not received by 2/11, CG has chased, promised in “1 week” as ever we will be involved in the spring dash to get the money spent.

Post Meeting Notes (2) – still not received by 10/11, the chase goes on...

Police involvement in Cycle Proficiency Training – DL has followed up with Leslie Harold, this is not stopping immediately, bottom line is the situation is unclear as the spending review has yet to be announced and the impact on the road-safety organisation is unclear.

King St, loss of bus/cycle lane. ML has supplied DW with the notes of the earlier survey. DW has lodged formal objection on behalf of ACF.

2 King George VI Bridge works – ACC have widened the road at the junction of KGV1 bridge and Great Southern way, the width of the cycle lane over the bridge was reduced. ACC was not consulted – first we knew was when people started complaining. CG followed up...

- ACC is not required to do a statutory consultation as it's “minor works” (minor to roads – not cycling...)
- When contacted (by CG and about 5 others!) ACC roads engineers responded very quickly, CG had the plans within 1 hour of speaking to roads, site visit the next day
- The lane has been reduced to 3m, still not bad and the mitigating measures including widening the approach from the “Shell Path” work well, there will be no “cyclist dismount” signs.
- Matter discussed with Joanna Murray, at recent meeting who agreed situation could be better handled, ACC had several complaints about this. Short term we will go on the distribution email list for ACC's traffic announcements – so we will at least know they are happening. **WANTED – someone to receive these and give them the quick look over to check for anything that may be to the detriment of cycling.**

3 Nestrans CWSS priorities 2011/12

CG DW,DC and DL met with Joanna Murray and Louise Re this - The situation regarding

Nestrans funding (and indeed Nestrans itself) is not clear, however we will have our list of priorities at the ready. This needs to be done by end of March. First pass list is appended (appendix 1) – LN will do some more work on approximate feasibility etc before we meet with JM again in the spring.

4 Westhill Cycle Route – Kingswells Crossing, safety audit

As expected the independent auditor from Highland Council has confirmed what we have all known for ages – the crossing is not safe! The ball is now very much back in ACC's court, as they are "officially" aware of the risk. Discussed at the meeting and agreed it should be the number 1 priority for the Nestrans spending in 2011/12

5 Union Terrace Gardens Event

Was not that well publicised, however we spoke to about 300 people – result of this and the Aberdeen Uni Freshers Fair event is there is another 30 people on the email list.

We were also asked if we wanted to write some content for www.aberdeenvoice.com
To be discussed at the next meeting.

6 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 30th November 2010 (CG's not present – a secretary is required)

APPENDIX 1 – List from JM Meeting

1. Priority projects for 2011/12 funding

- Capital (implementation)
 - Cycle counters (suggested by NESTRANS Board) – agreed this was worthwhile, ACC already has a few automatic counters in off road locations, all agreed this was complimentary to and not a replacement for the manual counts we jointly undertake

Action – LN to explore costs/any further locations/how we can share the information once we have resourced the download and analysis

- A96 Blackburn – City – agreed this is being designed this financial year by Chris Philips at ACC, who will be in contact in first week in November to go through progress to date, this scheme is now through to the city and Chris has already spoken to Fiona about this,

Action – Chris Philip to continue to liaise with ACF members to conclude a costed/designed scheme for future implementation consideration

- Extend shared path Dyce Drive west of Argyll Rd – agreed this is not part of the above mentioned scheme; this will have to be looked at as a new project
- Anderson Drive – this is near the conclusion of the feasibility stage

Action – LN to co-ordinate our team to conclude 5 priority action areas with ACF, liaise with TS/BEAR for further consideration of future implementation

- North Bank of Dee – agreed this is still a route worth pursuing through the planning process

Action – LN to continue to pursue this through the planning process, and if this fails we consider putting this on the future list of routes to consider

- Tarmac Deeside Line – agreed this could be addressed via core paths

Action – LN to speak to Rachel Sharp re prioritising deliverable sections within the core paths work

- Toucan on Kingswells route – this may be emerging from a road safety audit

Action – JM to confirm this or otherwise,; if confirmed and agreed get cost estimates

- Riverside Drive – final phase redesign – agreed this needs redesigning to conclude both final phases – not an immediate priority just now but

should remain on the list and we'll review the design as and when resources permit

- School routes/cycle parking – agreed as important – will be explored by working group for cycling routes to school, ACF could be on working group; agreed this should maybe also include training which is later on the agenda (accepting that cycle training nationally is in a state of flux but should be noted for future inclusion once this issue is resolved)

Action – LN to advise on working group dates etc as and when they arise and invite ACF member to attend/contribute

- Issues (addressed relevant to each scheme discussed)
 - Detailed design/costs
 - ACC Committee/Transport Scotland approval
 - Possible phased implementation
- Revenue
 - Cycle/Rail integration – probably need more refined proposal; ACC feel such a study would be premature at this time until schemes such as Pedestrianisation of Union Street progresses. ACC also concerned about adding too many new schemes onto an already unmanageable list (in the context of our other workload priorities – we wish to do each scheme justice and this is not possible if we spread ourselves too thin)

Action – JM suggests we put this on the back burner for now but keep it on a 'long list' for future consideration

- Cycle training child/adult/training the trainer – see above
- New routes for feasibility? – as per above, ACC don't have the resource to include new schemes unless we stop another one, this doesn't prevent ACF from identifying future opportunities for consideration as and when ACC resources permit